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Having understood that the  
 enemy had retired from the river,  
 I dropped anchor from Lebow's ferry  
 on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. intending to ~~go~~  
 the asp out of the above creek &  
 proceed with her to Washington -

The wind being light during the  
 night, I did not get off point.  
 I commenced until the following  
 morning at 9 o'clock when I  
 discovered a ship and my stand-  
 ding for me. I immediately got  
 out sweeps and made the best  
 of my way up Kingsail Creek,  
 (being closely pursued) and arrived  
 about, with the Schooner, moved  
 across the Channel in such a  
 position as I feel confident will  
 save them from trouble to destroy  
 me - The Melita have been being